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Oranienburg

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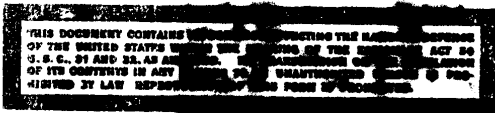
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1. Between 21 January and 1 February 1955, the following observations were made in the Weisse Stadt restricted area in Oranienburg: 25X1
- During the night of 31 January to 1 February, the first detail of the expected air force unit presumably arrived. At about 0800 on 1 February, the second floor of building No 29 was to be inspected but entries kept everyone off the floor. Later on, it was announced that the second floor had been occupied by air force soldiers during the preceding night. It is estimated that 200 men could be quartered on this floor. The soldiers had presumably arrived by rail; no trucks were seen. There were apparently no other changes in regard to the occupation.

2. The following status of construction work was observed:
- Building No 6: 11 entries. The 4 southern entries, with 4 apartments each were occupied by a total of 32 air force officers' families; the 3 adjacent ones led to offices of the headquarters and the administration of the air force; of the remainder, 2 were occupied by officers' families of the army engineer unit.

Building No 13: 26 apartments for 52 officers' families (instead of 56 as reported previously), the majority of which have already been occupied.

Building No 1: 4 entries: the northern one led to the officers' kitchen and the mess hall of Unit Koslov in the ground floor. Both of them were to be transferred to building No 29 later on. The Soviet female kitchen personnel were quartered on the first floor; the northern central entry led to officers' dining rooms on both floors; the adjacent center entries led to EM billets of the unit of Captain Ilyushin, numbering about 120, the southern entry led to offices of Unit Koslov.

Building No 2: 4 entries with 4 apartments each. The building housed Unit Koslov, numbering about 450 men, and housed NCOs in the attic rooms.

Building No 3: 4 entries with 4 apartments each. The building was occupied by 32 families of members of the topographic army unit of Lieutenant Colonel Kuleshev (fmu).

Building No 16: 3 entries; the northern one with 5 apartments for 11 families was not yet occupied; the center entry with 5 apartments still served as air force hospital which was to be transferred to building No 38 in the near future; the apartments were then to be occupied by officers' families; the southern entry led to a German EO store on the

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ground floor and a Soviet HQ store on the first floor; the second floor was occupied by 3 air force officers' families.

Building No 17: 3 entries with 5 apartments each. The building was occupied by 11 officers' families of Unit Koslov.

Building No 21: clothing magazine.

Building No 22: 2 apartments, occupied by 4 families.

Building No 23: 2 apartments, occupied by 4 families.

Building No 29: former Hans-Schemm Schule. The basement of the main tract housed the EM kitchen for the expected unit; kitchen, messhall and club for EM were located on the ground floor; the first and second floors were to serve as billets for the expected air force unit. The second floor had been occupied during the night of 31 January/1 February. Each floor had a quartering capacity of about 200 men. Officers' kitchen and messhall for the expected unit were housed in the western annex of the building.

Buildings Nos 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 were to be completed in the near future. Each of the buildings contained 8 apartments for 16 families. Building No 30 was to serve as the hospital.

The following buildings were to be completed by a later date:

Building No 30: 8 apartments for officers' families, 2 of the apartments had already been occupied by 4 families, the remainder was not yet completed.

Building No 31: 8 apartments for 16 officers' families.

Buildings Nos 32 and 33: 8 apartments, each for officers families; the buildings were still partly damaged.

Building No 34: scheduled to serve as a store. Construction was to start in the near future.

Buildings Nos 36 and 37: 8 apartments, each for officers families; some of the apartments had already been occupied, the remainder was still to be reconstructed.<sup>2</sup>

1.   Comment. The arrival of air force soldiers in the Weisse Stadt on the night of 31 January/ 1 February is reported for the first time. Since the building was allegedly occupied at night it is improbable that only a transfer within the Weisse Stadt was concerned. If the information proves correct, the soldiers belonged to the expected air force unit.

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